(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है तथा इसके लिए उत्तरदायी लोगों के विरुद्ध की गयी कार्यवाही और इसके परिणाम का ब्यौरा क्या है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रिय रंजन दास मुंशी) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

नये किस्म के करघे का विकास

842. **श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी :**
श्री रशीद मसूद :

क्या **वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह बात सच है कि नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट आफ डिजाइन में हाल ही में एक नये किस्म के करघे का विकास किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस संदर्भ में तथ्य एकत्र किये हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और क्या सरकार ने इसे विकसित करने की ग्राम उत्पादक तक पहुंचाने के लिए कोई योजना तैयार की है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) :

(क) जी, हां।

(ख) उत्पादन से पूर्व डिजाइन नमूने तैयार करने के लिए यह एक नये प्रकार का नमूना करघा है। इस करघे को बनाने के लिये परियोजना विज्ञान तथा प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग द्वारा उनके आधुनिकीकरण एवं उन्नयनकार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत **प्रायोजित की** गयी थी।

(ग) और (घ) चूंकि यह करघा डिजाइन नमूने के लिए हैं अतः इस स्तर पर इसे सामान्य उत्पादकों के लिए इसे लेने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Investment guarantee scheme of World Bank

843. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the leading countries of the developing World including India and China have decided to stay out of the World Bank's new investment guarantee scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons which have prompted India to do so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far as investment by foreign investors in India is concerned, it is not considered necessary for us to enter into an arrangement for multilateral agency to guarantee such investments. India has an unblemished record of honouring its commitments in accordance with our own policies and priorities.

Impact of pesticides and herbicides on environment

844. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by his Ministry to study the impact of pesticides and herbicides on environment;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to reduce the harmful effects of pesticides and herbicides on environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has conducted a limited survey to study the impact of commonly used pesticides, namely, DDT and BHC on environment. Some of the general findings are that there are residues of these pesticides in human fat samples, food commodities and cooked meals; the raw food commodities like wheat, rice, ghee, mutton, etc. are found on occasions to have mean levels of DDT and BHC above acceptable level; however, the average daily human intake of DDT is very close to acceptable level.

(c) The manufacture/import, sale, transportation, distribution and use of pesticides and herbicides is regulated through the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the Rules framed thereunder. The pesticides and herbicides having excess residual effects on environment are not allowed to be registered.

Pollution of sub-soil water

845. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pollution of sub-soil water is increasing alarmingly in the country;

(b) which areas have been worst affected;

(c) what remedial measures have been taken to check further deterioration and to improve the situation; and

(d) what is the degree of success attained so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, pollution of sub-soil water has increased in some parts of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Remedial measures include the following:

(i) Steps have been initiated to set up combined effluent treatment plants in critical areas such as Vaniyambadi in Tamil Nadu, Jetpur in Gujarat, Pali in Rajasthan and Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh to control pollution from clusters of small-scale industries.

(ii) Standards for effluent discharge have been prescribed for major water polluting industries.

(iii) Preventive and control measures are taken by the Central/State Pollution Control Boards to regulate discharge of industrial wastes to the prescribed standards.

(d) These are continuing efforts which will prevent further deterioration, and the situation will improve when effluent treatment plants are operational.

Abolition of neighbouring travel scheme

846. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Neighbouring Travel Scheme (NTS) has been abolished;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to allow Indian tourists to carry Indian currency to Mauritius as in the case of Nepal; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.